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## Serbia

### Oilseeds and Products

## Serbia and Montenegro Update 2003

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**Report Highlights:**

Increased production of 400,000 MT of sunflower seed is forecast in Serbia this year. In MY2003, some 45 percent more sunflower was planted (225,000 HA) than in MY2002. This was a result of the Serbian Government's new planting subsidies. In MY2003 soybeans were planted on 150,000 HA or 25 percent more than in MY2002. With average yields of 2 MT/HA, total MY03 soybean production is forecast at 300,000 MT (60,000 MT more than in MY02). Serbia's new sunflowerseed and soybean crops were less affected by drought than wheat and corn this year.

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## Sunflower seed

### 2003 Sunflower Production to Increase 33 Percent over Last Year

In MY2003 Serbia's sunflower crop will be among highest in the last 10 years. Total production is expected to be 400,000 MT, or 33 percent above 2002, when final production was 300,000 MT. With total domestic consumption expected to be 260,000 MT, a minimum of 80,000 MT of sunflower seed would be available for export during MY2003 and MY2004 (as oil, seed and meal on a seed weight basis). Serbia typically exports sunflower meal for cattle feed to Hungary and West European countries (Italy and Germany).

### Record Area Planted in 2003

Record large area was planted to sunflower seed in Serbia in MY2003-- 225,000 Ha—or 45 percent more than last year. Three factors account for the larger area planted this year. First, adequate supplies of seed resulting from stable yields of sunflower seeds for the last couple of years provided a strong basis for production. Second, on-time payments for the 2002 sunflower crop paid to farmers by processors provided the means to cash-flow the 2003 crop, and third, new government planting subsidies of 4,000 din/Ha (67 USD/Ha) were introduced in 2003 and provided a strong incentive to plant sunflowers.

With respect to the government subsidies, oilseed refineries registered 206,000 Ha of sunflower seed planted area. In addition to oil refineries, individual farmers registered some 19,000 Ha with sunflower seeds. Total area planted to sunflower seed in MY2003 was 225,000 Ha, 45 percent more than in MY2002 (155,000 Ha).

### Yields expected to be 12 Percent above Last Year

Most of the sunflower area received sufficient quantities of agro-technical measures (fertilizers and pesticides), resulting in high yields. Yields per hectare are expected to range between 1.7 and 2 MT/Ha. Despite an extremely dry spring and a very hot summer, sunflower yields are considered to be very good by local standards.

## Soybeans

### 2003 Soybean Production Forecast 25 Percent Higher than Last Year

Total production of soybeans in MY2003 is expected to be 300,000 MT, 60,000 MT higher than in MY2002. Domestic annual consumption is expected to be 240,000 MT, thus Serbia is expected export about 60,000 MT of soybeans. Serbia typically exports soybeans to Hungary and West European countries for further crushing with the marketing statement that Serbian soya is "GMO-free".

### 2003 Soybean Area Increased Above 2002

In MY2003 soybeans were planted on 150,000 HA, an area 25 percent larger than in MY2002 (120,000 Ha). Soybean area increased this year due to the government planting subsidies of 4,000 din/HA (67 USD/HA).

### Spring Drought and Hot Summer Weather Hold Yields Equal to 2002

Affected by spring drought and high summer temperatures, soybean yield is expected to average 2 Mt/Ha, the same as last year. But, the hot, dry weather actually improved the quality of the soybean crop by increasing the oil percentage of the beans.

# PSD Table

Country

Serbia and Montenegro

Commodity

Oilseed, Soybean

(1000 HA)(1000 MT)

	2001	Revised	2002	Estimate	2003	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official [	Estimate [	DA Official [	Estimate [	DA Official [	Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin	10/2001		10/2002		10/2003		MM/YYYY
Area Planted	120	0	130	0	150	150	(1000 HA)
Area Harvested	110	0	120	0	140	140	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	4	0	4	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Production	240	0	240	0	300	300	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	0	0	10	0	10	15	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	244	0	254	0	310	315	(1000 MT)
MY Exports	10	0	10	0	50	60	(1000 MT)
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	60	(1000 MT)
Crush Dom. Consumption	221	0	221	0	230	240	(1000 MT)
Food Use Dom. Consumption	8	0	8	0	10	8	(1000 MT)
Feed,Seed,Waste Dm.Cr	1	0	15	0	11	5	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	230	0	244	0	251	253	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	4	0	0	0	9	2	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	244	0	254	0	310	315	(1000 MT)
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	9	0	(1000 MT)
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)

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Country Commodity	Serbia and Montenegro Oilseed, Sunflowerseed						UOM
	(1000 HA)			(1000 MT)			
	2001	Revised	2002	Estimate	2003	Forecast	
	USDA Official [	Estimate [	DA Official [	Estimate [	DA Official [	Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin	10/2001		10/2002		10/2003	MM/YYYY	
Area Planted	180	0	180	0	225	225 (1000 HA)	
Area Harvested	170	0	170	0	220	220 (1000 HA)	
Beginning Stocks	4	0	4	0	5	0 (1000 MT)	
Production	280	0	280	0	350	400 (1000 MT)	
MY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1000 MT)	
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1000 MT)	
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1000 MT)	
TOTAL SUPPLY	284	0	284	0	355	400 (1000 MT)	
MY Exports	15	0	15	0	50	80 (1000 MT)	
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	80 (1000 MT)	
Crush Dom. Consumption	260	0	260	0	260	240 (1000 MT)	
Food Use Dom. Consump	4	0	4	0	10	15 (1000 MT)	
Feed,Seed,Waste Dm.Cr	1	0	0	0	2	5 (1000 MT)	
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	265	0	264	0	272	260 (1000 MT)	
Ending Stocks	4	0	5	0	33	60 (1000 MT)	
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	284	0	284	0	355	400 (1000 MT)	
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1000 MT)	
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1000 MT)	
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	80 (1000 MT)	
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1000 MT)	